[*Translation*]

SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH (Parbhani) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Hon. Finance Minister is not speaking the truth. He has said in the budget presented on 24th July that prices of pesticides and insecticides had not been increased for the past 10 years. I think the prices of fertilisers were increased in 1983 and in 1986 also prices of fertilisers, pesticides and insecticides were raised. He had given another assurance that old stock prior to 24th July on which Government had given subsidy.... (*Interruptions*)

(English)

MR. SPEAKER : Only what Shri Deshmukh says goes on record... (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH : That stock of fertilisers, pesticides and insecticides would be sold to farmers at old rates but he has not kept his promise.

I met Shri Jakharji and Hon. Finance Minister twice and they again said that they had given orders that old stock should be sold at old rates. But that orders were for retailers only and wholesaler and main dealers were not given such orders. I would like that Government should issue orders that entire old stock of fertilisers, pesticides and insecticides on which subsidy was given should be sold to farmers at old rates.... (*Interruptions*)....

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Janata Dal Government wants to save CPM. We want to know.....

(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. V. S. Rao, please. ....(*Interruptions*)*

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Khurana, what you are saying is not going on record. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : You have made your point, that is all. Mr. V. S. Rao please. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to bring to the notice of the Government a very alarming situation..... (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER : You have already been given a chance to speak.

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, such a big incident has taken place..... (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Why cannot the Minister make a statement on this ? This is a very serious situation. May I know whether the Minister is aware of the incident or not ? ....(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY (Katwa) : What is the concern of the Government about this ? Why cannot the Minister make a statement ?....(*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (Shri S.B. Chavan) : This morning only I have given instructions to get all the information from the Government of Bihar and thereafter we will make a statement in the House.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Sir, through you, I would like to bring to the notice of the Government a very grave situation, an alarming situation wherein the farmers are being lathicharged, firing is resorted to, on the farmers just because they are demanding that the fertilizers which were supplied to the dealers prior to the Budget introduction be sold at the old, controlled rates. But the traders and the Agriculture Department officials in Andhra Pradesh have colluded

*Not recorded.

and are selling the fertilizers at the black-market rates. So, the farmers had to raid the godowns and other places where these fertilizers are hidden and stored. So, a very alarming situation is there. In towns like Nakrekal, Kodada, Nandigama and Mirialagoda and several other places in Andhra Pradesh, the farmers are being assaulted by the Police. I request the Hon. Minister to immediately contact the State Government and take adequate steps to see that, as per the promise of the Government, the fertilizers are made available to the farmers at the old rates because they are supplied at the old rates to the traders.

SHRI A. CHARLES (Trivandrum) : The need for developing the Inland Water Way cannot be over-emphasised. In the Eighth Lok Sabha, on the last day of the Session, a Bill was passed by this House for declaring the Cochin-Trivandrum Sector of the Inland Water Way as the National Water way. Unfortunately that was not passed by the Rajya Sabha and it lapsed. In the Ninth Lok Sabha, even after repeated requests from me, that was not presented. Sir, it requires only half-an-hour for passing such a non-controversial legislation. So, I request that : Bill for declaring Cochin-Trivendrum stretch of the West Coast Canal as National Water Way may be introduced in this Session of the Lok Sabha and passed without further delay.

SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI (Berhampur) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to draw the kind attention of our dynamic Railway Ministers regarding the situation affecting the people of the two neighbouring States of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh. Parlakhemundi, Gunupur, Tekkali and Naupada areas are badly affected for want of basic rail transport facility. They have expressed strong resentment against the cancellation of train services on the Naupada-Gunupur narrow gauge section. The Chief Operating Superintendent of South-Eastern Railway, Waltair Division had issued a notification on 3rd August 1990 : "Due to very poor patronage, the Railways have decided to cancel the train services between Naupada-Gunupur".

The regular commuters, whom I personally met in my constituency recently, largely depend on this mode of transport. They have stated that the question of "very poor patronage" does not arise as this is the only train running in that area. In addition, they squarely blame the Railway staff for bringing things to this state. They also allege that the Railway staff have allowed the people to travel by taking less money simultaneously preventing them from buying tickets. Thus, the Railways were deprived of revenue not because of "very poor patronage" but due to corruption by its own staff.

Hence, I would urge upon the Ministry of Railways to ensure that strict action is taken against the alleged malpractices of the Railway staff forthwith, the old steam locomotives are replaced by the more efficient diesel engines, side by side restoring the original train services; also to actively consider the conversion of this narrow-gauge section to broad-gauge with extension for commercial viability to Rayagada or Bissam-Cuttack area expeditiously for providing the basic travel-cum-transport facility to the poor tribals, harijans and the downtrodden citizens of this under-developed and totally neglected region.

[*Translation*]

*SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN (Palakkad) : Sir, heavy rains have caused severe floods in Palakkad for the first time in history, the Palghat district is under water. Three persons have already died. People have no jobs and are starving. The roads are damaged and many houses have been washed away. The Attappady area, which is predominantly an Adivasi area is totally cut off from the rest of the land. The Adivasis are on the verge of starvation. The Government of Kerala has whatever assistance possible. The Government has released Rs. 10,000/- to the affected families and I thank the Govt. of Kerala for that. But that is no enough. The affected Adivasis and other poor people should be provided with free ration. Therefore, the Centre should immediately rush necessary assistance to Kerala.

*Translation of the submission originally made in Tamil.